

III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



SUSTAINMENT BRIEF





PURPOSE OF THE BRIEF

To explain III MEFs warfighting skills training requirements to maintain combat readiness.

**The term for this is
“SUSTAINMENT TRAINING”**



DEFINITION

- **SUSTAINMENT TRAINING**
 - **Designed to maintain individual proficiency**
 - **Considered refresher training**
 - **Majority conducted at the unit level**
 - **DOD and USMC mandated**



TRAINING

- **UDP units arrive fully trained**
- **No initial training or accession training is done on Okinawa**
- **Training accomplished here is Sustainment Training and Follow-on Training**



UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

- **To reduce the number of unaccompanied tours**
- **Improve unit continuity**
- **6 months WESTPAC deployment**
- **Infantry battalions, aircraft squadrons/detachments, amphibian vehicle companies, and direct support artillery batteries**



UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

- **Extensive Pre-Deployment training program.**
- **Unit personnel levels are stabilized prior to deployment reducing turnover.**
- **Once arriving on Okinawa units are prepared to take on any mission without further training.**
- **No other service has such a program**



Regional Events & Exercises

RUSSIA COOPERATION FROM THE SEA

KOREA

ULCHI FOCUS
LENS
VALIANT BLITZ
KITP
FREEDOM
BANNER
FOAL EAGLE

THAILAND

COBRA GOLD
TITP TRAINING
CARAT*
COPE TIGER
FREEDOM
BANNER

SINGAPORE

VALIANT MARK
CARAT*
* Cooperation and
Readiness Afloat Training

INDONESIA

MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORT
ENGINEERING/ROAD WORK

MALAYSIA

PENYU TRIDENT
CARAT*

OKINAWA

BEACH CREST
TAYORERU PARTNER
MEUEX
SOCEX
TEMPEST EXPRESS
TEMPO BRAVE
JMF

PHILIPPINE

S
BALIKATAN
CARAT*

JAPAN

COPE NORTH
FOREST LIGHT
FUJI TRAINING
KEEN EDGE
YAMA SAKURA

GUAM

TANDEM
THRUST
TRUE

HAWAII

HCAO
PTA

AUSTRALIA

PITCH BLACK
KANGAROO
SANDGROPER
KINGFISHER
SOUTHERN
FRONTIER
TANDEM
THRUST
FREEDOM
BANNER



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**JUNGLE WARFARE
TRAINING
CENTER**





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**ARTY-RELO
KEEN EDGE
FOREST LIGHT**





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**TANDEM THRUST
CROCODILE
SOUTHERN
FRONTIER**





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**COBRA GOLD
COPE TIGER**





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LF CARAT





New Training Opportunities



**BALIKATAN
4TH MARINES
"ARTILLERY"**





New Training Opportunities



**KITP
"ARTILLERY"**





Theater Security Cooperation

**TAYORERU PARTNER
IE SHIMA**



**KOREAN
INCREMENTAL
TRAINING
PROGRAM**



**COMBINED
RECON
TRAINING
ROKMC**

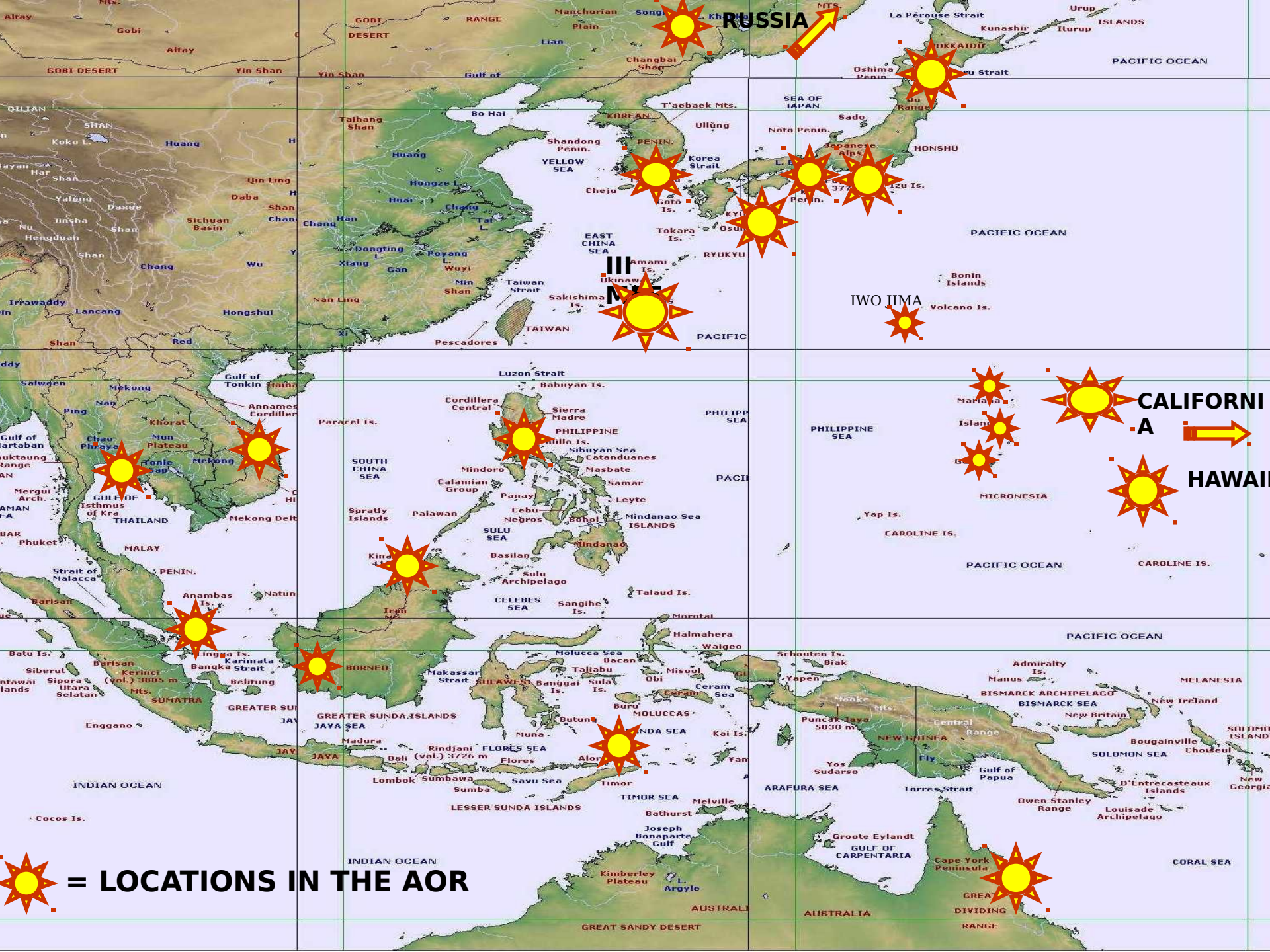


**THAILAND
INCREMENTAL
TRAINING
PROGRAM**



**COMBINED
ENGINEER
EXERCISE
ROKMC**





RUSSIA

CALIFORNIA

HAWAII

 = LOCATIONS IN THE AOR



SUMMARY

- III MEF HAS A REQUIREMENT BY MARINE CORPS ORDER TO CONDUCT SUSTAINMENT TRAINING TO MAINTAIN COMBAT READINESS
- OVER 70% OF ALL THE EXERCISES AND TRAINING SCHEDULED ARE CONDUCTED OFF ISLAND THROUGHOUT THE PACOM AOR